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SUBJECT: **1-Hour Ozone SIP Revision Update** - Rescheduled Ozone SIP Hearings on the Amended Redesignation Request (Attainment/Maintenance for Door and Manitowoc Counties), MOBILE6 Conformity Budgets and 1999 Milestone Inventory

In order to adequately communicate the scope and basis of proposed transportation conformity budget revisions for 5 of the 6 designated ozone areas in eastern Wisconsin, the Department rescheduled the November 13 public hearing in Sheboygan to November 22. Supporting materials and the hearing notice for the November 22 public hearing have been posted on the Air Management program's web page ("Hot Topics") noted below.

The proposed SIP revisions address a much narrower redesignation request (affecting Manitowoc and Door Counties) and also formally establish a 1999 Milestone Ozone Inventory (VOC and NO_x) and new transportation conformity budgets for the broader area – both ongoing required SIP elements. We hope to have final EPA approval of the redesignation requests and conformity budgets early in 2003.

We apologize for delaying the hearings but hope that the support of extra dialogue at this point has led to a better understanding of the proposed state implementation plan and conformity budgets revisions. To that end, we met last week with the directly affected transportation stakeholders and are making materials available to the full Clean Air Act Task Force distribution list. The public hearing comment period closes December 3.

In order to facilitate review of the critical inventory and maintenance plan materials associated with the redesignation proposal and SIP revisions, we have uploaded working drafts of the key proposal chapters that address the redesignation inventory, milestone inventory and budget revisions. That web address is: http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/air/hot/1hr_redes/index.htm.